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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER

FOR CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

YOU SHOULD REQUEST IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN TO
DELIVERY ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) I WANT TO REPORT TO YOU ON OUR EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS
TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO AND HELP
PRESERVE OUR VITAL MUTUAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. LAST WEEK
THE PRESIDENT AND I HAD EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY
MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE NECESSITY
FOR IMMEDIATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION WHEN CONGRESS RETURNS
FROM RECESS ON JULY 8. THE PRESIDENT AND I WILL ALSO PER-
SONALLY DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH MORE THAN 100 CONGRESSMEN
ON JULY 9.

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WE PRESENTLY EXPECT COMMITTEE HEARINGS TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK SO THAT A BILL ON TURKISH ASSISTANCE CAN BE REPORTED OUT TO THE FULL HOUSE BY MID-JULY. WHILE I DO NOT KNOW WHAT

FORM THE HOUSE LEGISLATION WILL TAKE, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT IS SHIFTING TOWARD RESTORATION OF AID, AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION'S VIEWS WILL FINALLY PREVAIL.

(B) WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY EXTENT TO WHICH GOT, DESPITE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CRITICISM, HAS SHOWN MODERATION AND RESTRAINT IN FACE OF EMBARGO. WHILE RECOGNIZING PRESSURES GOVERNMENT IS UNDER, WE SINCERELY HOPE TURKISH LEADERSHIP WILL CONTINUE MODERATE APPROACH, AVOIDING ANY IRREVERSIBLE ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE CONGRESS TO LIFT THE EMBARGO, AND WHICH COULD IRREPARABLY DAMAGE BASIC SECURITY RELATIONSHIP SO VITAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES. THIS SAME MODERATION IS EQUALLY DESIRABLE WITH RESPECT TO CYPRUS. IT IS VITAL THAT UNILATERAL ACTIONS WHICH COULD MAKE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT MORE DIFFICULT BE AVOIDED, PARTICULARLY DURING THIS PERIOD OF OUR MAXIMUM EFFORT WITH CONGRESS.

(C) SINCE GOT IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF JUNE 17 REQUESTED NEGOTIATIONS TO EXAMINE LEGAL BASIS FOR US FACILITIES IN TURKEY, WE ARE PREPARED TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON OR BEFORE JULY 17 OR ANY DATE THEREAFTER ACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY. TO HELP US PREPARE FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF FONMIN COULD GIVE US NOW AS PRECISE AN INDICATION AS POSSIBLE OF LEVEL AND SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS AS ENVISAGED BY GOT. IT WOULD ALSO HELP US TO KNOW WHAT FONMIN HAD IN MIND WHEN HE EARLIER REFERRED TO "PROVISIONAL STATUS" FOR US FACILITIES BEGINNING JULY 17. AS FONMIN KNOWS, WE CONSIDER ALL COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY TO RELATE DIRECTLY TO NATO DEFENSE, AND IT IS OUR EARNEST HOPE GOT WILL DO NOTHING TO ATTENUATE MISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF THOSE FACILITIES.

YOU SHOULD ALSO ADVISE CAGLAYANGIL THAT AMBASSADOR MACOMBER WILL BE RETURNING TO TURKEY ON OR ABOUT
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10 JULY WITH A FURTHER REPORT ON ACTIVITY IN THE CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO TURKISH AID. THE AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF US FACILITIES PENDING THE INITIATION OF WHATEVER BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ARE AGREED UPON.

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